

Tales of Herding Gods Chapter 176-180

Chapter 176: Grand Chancellor Gu

Ling Yushu had a flickering expression as Qin Mu was right about his worry.

Gu Linuan was the teacher of the crown prince when he was young. The crown prince was older than him and occupied the position of the crown prince. If one could say that there was a world difference between a royalty and a commoner and the difference was as vast as the sky and the earth, then one could also say the difference between a crown prince and an imperial prince was as vast as the sky and the earth as well.

Gu Linuan would definitely not give him face and on the contrary, he would deliberately create trouble for him.

He could confirm this for sure now.

“I won’t interfere with the matter between you and Gu Linuan.”

Ling Yushu came to a decision and said, “But you must be careful, the way Gu Linuan handles things is not like the previous grand chancellor. He doesn’t have the breadth of mind for the long-term influence of a solid education.”

Qin Mu nodded his head and said, “Don’t worry. Gu Linuan will at most create trouble for me and not dare to go overboard.”

Ling Yushu had a weird expression. Qin Mu seemed to be talking too big. Where did his confidence come from?

“Could he and seventh sister have already...”

A bad thought floated up in his mind. If he becomes the emperor’s son-in-law, there was indeed no need for him to be afraid of Gu Linuan.

Ling Yushu was silent for a moment and said, “I plan to leave Imperial College and head to the borders to lead my troops. I’m the General of Roaming Cavalry and have an official position on me, furthermore, I’ve also reached the age to lead the army. However, I’m just worried about my seventh sister...”

Qin Mu assured him, “Don’t worry second prince, there’s me!”

The corners of Ling Yushu’s eyes twitched as he thought to himself, “That’s exactly why I’m worried.”

Qin Mu chatted with the siblings for a moment before rising to bid farewell, “I just came back home from a trip and have yet placed my luggage down. I have to return to Scholar’s Residence first.”

Ling Yushu sent him out of Royalty's Park and kept silent for a moment before saying to Ling Yuxiu, "Academician Qin's frame of mind is not like a youth. He sees things very clearly and will definitely be a very capable person in the future. His words earlier struck the bottom of my heart."

Ling Yuxiu burst into laughter and said, "Who says he's an adult? He doesn't even know anything and even says I'm chubby. He doesn't even know how to say appealing words."

Ling Yushu shook his head and said, "I'm going to write a letter to father and leave Imperial College. I can't be a scholar anymore. Now that Gu Linuan has become the grand chancellor, he most likely won't give you a nice look. If you can't stay in Imperial College any longer, you can follow me to the borders."

Ling Yuxiu nodded her head, "Don't worry second brother. If I can't stay here any longer, I'll definitely go find you at the borders. However, I still want to cultivate along with Chancellor Ba Shan."

Ling Yushu looked at her and knew exactly what she was thinking but he couldn't say anything and could only shake his head.

Qin Mu returned to Scholar's Residence and the huge dragon qilin followed behind him. On their way back, most of the scholars in Scholar's Residence gazed at them with envy.

Yun Que came up with a smile and said, "Sister Fox, I have earned enough money. Can I redeem my clothes back?"

Hu Ling'er took over the coin pouch and gave it a press before nodding her head, "Wait for a moment. I'll go get it for you."

Yun Que was full of thanks.

Hu Ling'er returned to the house to get his clothes back while shouting out, "Those that owe me money quickly take your money out to redeem your certificate of indebtedness."

After a moment, a few scholars came over with resentful expressions to redeem their certificates of indebtedness. Hu Ling'er was very satisfied and said, "Next time you get beaten by young master, I can give you twenty percent discount."

A scholar shook his head, "Imperial academician is a sixth ranking official, who dares to challenge him?"

Hu Ling'er was stunned for a moment before turning her head to tell Qin Mu, "Young master, we lost our source of income. Our whole fortune is going to be eaten up, and we can't raise this big fella anymore!"

The dragon qilin pulled his head back and muttered, "A liter of Scarlet Fire Spirit Pills each day is also fine, as long as there's something to eat..."

Qin Mu consoled, "Don't worry, I can raise you. That's right, do you have some saliva? Give me a bottle and let me see if I can exchange it for money."

Hu Ling'er fetched a jade bottle over and collected a bottle of dragon's saliva. Qin Mu kept the bottle safely and instructed them to stay home while he went to Hall of Supreme Healing. The few old imperial physicians were researching prescriptions in the hall and were all delighted when they saw him, "Little divine physician is finally back! What spirit pill do you plan to make today? If it's an anesthetic or poison, please warn us beforehand!"

Qin Mu greeted these imperial physicians and said, "I'm here to find imperial physicians to test a medicine." After he had said that, he took out a small jade bottle.

When the few imperial physicians saw this small jade bottle, their expression changed hugely. Imperial Physician Yu asked with a trembling voice, "I recognized this bottle. Is it another anesthetic?"

"Nope, it's a healing panacea."

When Qin Mu said that, Imperial Physician You took out a small knife and hesitated for a moment before giving a slice on Imperial Physician Ding's arm, causing the fresh blood to flow out.

Imperial Physician Ding went into a fury and was about to blow up when Qin Mu hurried forward. He opened the jade bottle and applied a little dragon's saliva on the wound, only to see the wound heal immediately and returning to its original state within a few breaths' time without even having a scar.

The few imperial physicians were astonished and they immediately gathered forward. Imperial Physician Yu asked, "To what extent of injuries can this healing panacea cure? Can it reattach broken limbs?"

Qin Mu nodded his head, "It can. There was a person who got severed from the waist and I had used this medicine to reattach his body, returning it to normal. However, this medicine only acts as a support, the tendons and nerves still need to be manually reattached, which puts one's technique to the test."

Imperial Physician Ding glanced to the side and saw Imperial Physician You raised his knife again and immediately shouted, "If you dare to chop me, I'll poison your whole family!"

Imperial Physician You couldn't do it and went out of the hall. After a moment, he brought a scholar in. All the imperial physicians immediately shook their heads and Imperial Physician Yu stomped his feet in anger, "Old You, are you mad? Even if you want to test medicine, you can't chop his limbs!"

That scholar broke out in cold sweat when he heard it and immediately ran away. Imperial Physician You wanted to catch him back and was immediately blocked by the other imperial physicians, "You can't, you absolutely can't. Scholars are eight-ranking officials, you're going to face a lawsuit if you chop their limbs off. Daoist Ling Yun has a crane that had fought with Chancellor Ba Shan's green cow a few days ago and got her leg broken by the green cow. You can fetch that crane over and sever her leg to reattach it!"

Imperial Physician You went out again and brought the crane back after a moment. Imperial Physician Qu clamped the crane's beak, making the crane indescribably terrified and unable to struggle. Imperial Physician You followed the injuries and severed the leg off.

The few imperial physicians cleaned up the shattered bones and waited for Qin Mu to treat it.

After a moment, Daoist Ling Yun barged in and was about to blow up when he saw Qin Mu reattaching the crane's broken bones before reattaching the muscles and nerves, clearing the bone marrow.

Daoist Ling Yun didn't dare to say a word and waited until Qin Mu had finished reattaching the leg, only then did the imperial physicians loosen their restraint.

That crane immediately stood up and moved her leg around in astonishment. She expressed her thanks to Qin Mu sincerely with a loud and clear voice which belonged to a little girl.

Qin Mu wrote down a prescription and handed it to Daoist Ling Yun, "Brew medicines on this prescription and boil some water to soak her injured leg, it can help stimulate the nerves and channels, removing any hidden damages.

Daoist Ling Yun saw his crane recovering and couldn't help being surprised and delighted. He immediately took the prescription and expressed his thanks profusely with a smile, "You beat me in front of the emperor, and I had still borne some grudges before. Now I am even grateful to you."

Qin Mu smiled, "Don't fight, won't make friends."

Daoist Ling Yun kept feeling this sentence was a little awkward and used in the wrong circumstances but he didn't brood on it. He immediately called his crane over and headed to the warehouse to grab the herbs.

Qin Mu smiled, "Imperial physicians, how much does this bottle of healing medicine worth? I'm recently tight on money."

The few imperial physicians were surprised and delighted, Imperial Physician Yu said, "Little divine physician wants to sell? It has quite a considerable value. This kind of healing medicine is even more precious than any natural treasures to the soldiers on the battlefield! I reckon it would be worth ten thousand great abundance coins!"

Qin Mu was astonished and said, "Even faster than Fan Yunxiao robbing people?"

"What?" The imperial physician didn't catch what he said.

"Nothing much."

Qin Mu smiled, "I can refine a bottle out every day and sell it of Hall of Supreme Healing for ten thousand gold, how is that?"

The imperial physicians' eyes lighted up and they looked at one another. Imperial Physician Yu said, "That would naturally be the best."

Qin Mu was satisfied and took his leave. The white heads of the few imperial physicians huddled together and Imperial Physician Qu said, "We're getting rich!"

All the imperial physicians nodded their heads, unable to contain their excitement, "Old Yu is still the wise one, this small bottle of healing medicine isn't worth just ten thousand gold! We can easily earn two times the price by selling it!"

Qin Mu walked out of Hall of Supreme Healing and returned to Scholars Residence when a voice suddenly came from behind him, "Little bald donkey, where's your khakkhara staff?"

Qin Mu stopped and turned around to look at the elder in purple behind him. With a smile on his face, he bowed, "Student meets Grand Chancellor Gu."

This elder in purple was Gu Linuan and the nine coat of arms was nowhere to be seen on his purple robes. It seemed like he had taken off his first ranking official robes and changed into third-ranking official robes.

Gu Linuan gave a wee smile and walked toward him while speaking leisurely, "When you scammed my Junior Protector Sword, did you expect the day would come that you would land in the grasp of my hand instead?"

Qin Mu shook his head and said, "What is Grand Chancellor saying this for?"

Gu Linuan gave a haughty smile and stretched out his hand, "Hand it over!"

Qin Mu shook his head again, "I never return the things I scammed."

Gu Linuan gave off a fierce gaze and Qin Mu was not scared at all, "I'm now a sixth ranking official and the imperial academician that was appointed by the emperor himself. Empress Dowager's illness was cured by me. If you touch me, the emperor will execute your whole family."

Boom!

The devil qi around Gu Linuan went into a turmoil and formed a thousand feet devil god behind him with murderous-looking. That thousand feet devil god solidified the surrounding air and seemed to even warp the space as well, making this devil look warped like the blazing noon sun scorching the ground as it stared fiercely at him.

Qin Mu smiled and asked, "Does Grand Chancellor still have anything else?"

Gu Linuan said coldly, "If I want to kill you, I won't have to do it myself."

"You also won't dare to do it."

Before Qin Mu could say anything, a voice sounded behind Gu Linuan, "If you touch my junior brother, there's no need for the emperor to execute your whole family, I'll execute your whole family."

Gu Linuan's body froze and he felt as if there was an unbreakable knife at his neck. He chuckled and said, "Chancellor Ba Shan? You want to stand up for this little bald donkey?"

Chancellor Ba Shan stood behind him with his chest wide open and his two knives rattling non-stop behind his back. Without any expression, he said, "Old Gu, you have not appeared for two hundred years, your path, skills and divine arts are already behind times. Do you need me to give you some guidance?"

Gu Linuan suddenly laughed out loudly and his body vanished as he turned into devil qi. With his voice coming from afar, he mocked, "Give me guidance? Except it was Heaven Knife here!"

Qin Mu turned around and suddenly saw a knife qi breaking through the air to chase that devil qi.

"Chancellor Ba Shan always likes to fight and must be delighted to see a prey. I reckon he's going to fight with Gu Linuan. What a pity I can't catch up to them."

Qin Mu sighed and returned to Scholar's Residence. Just as he entered the door, he heard Hu Ling'er's voice sounding out, "Young master, we have a visitor."

Qin Mu entered the door and couldn't help being stunned when he saw a middle-aged man waiting in the courtyard with hands behind his back.

Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor.

Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor turned around and his gaze landed on him, "The sacred cult master of Heavenly Saint Cult, who would have thought he is the first imperial academician of our Imperial College, how interesting."

Chapter 177: Knowledge Is Action, Action Is Knowledge

Qin Mu's mind trembled hugely as he walked into the courtyard, "Imperial Preceptor didn't come over just to talk about interesting stuff? Ling'er, watch the tea."

Hu Ling'er immediately said, "Young master, our house has no tea, you don't drink tea."

Qin Mu laughed and said, "Buy and prepare some tea in the future. Since we have no tea, watch the seats."

"There are only a few broken stools in Scholar's Residence, where do we have seats?" the little fox grumbled.

Qin Mu was slightly awkward.

Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor waved his hand and smiled, "No need to trouble yourself, I'll just say a few words with Cult Master and I'll leave."

Qin Mu's gaze landed on his face. This appearance of Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor, the number one man under gods that awed the world, couldn't be said to be extremely handsome. He only looked ordinary but there was an indescribable flavor to his face. It was the type that the more you watched it, it grew more and more pleasing in your eyes.

His eyes stood out the most on his body. They were eyes that were filled with wisdom and seemed to carry a little sparkle in them, watching over everything in the world to make the wisest decision.

To this Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor, Qin Mu had a favorable impression and was filled with admiration to this pioneer who broke away from the old conventions.

For Eternal Peace Empire to be what it is today, Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor has a higher contribution than the emperor.

Taking charge of the reform to reform the army and the government, to break the view of sects, to break the barrier between the three big sects by establishing primary schools, colleges, and Imperial College, to set up an institution for scholars, this Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor has made this generation become exceptionally wonderful.

Even though he admired him, Qin Mu still had criticism and resentment to this Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor.

Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor was not only gifted by heavens, he was also ruthless.

He sent a punitive expedition to Great Ruins and even though he beat a retreat in the face of difficulties, it didn't mean he won't do it the next time.

He suppressed all countries with armed force and annexed them. To uproot those that opposed him, he faked that he was severely injured to bait those sects who had already acknowledged their allegiance to rebel, causing the people to be in a terrible situation.

This was not a perfect person.

From the beginning to the end, Qin Mu couldn't see what this man was trying to achieve. His breadth of mind was vast and could clearly show tolerance for the whole world yet he had to extinguish other countries and invade Great Ruins so as to gain more land for Eternal Peace Empire.

He clearly had no lust for power but he didn't hesitate to raise a bloodbath just to eradicate those that opposed him.

To Qin Mu, Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor was like a contradiction. It was very difficult to guess what he was thinking.

Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor was also sizing him up and after a moment, he said with a gentle voice, "The sacred cult master or Heavenly Saint Cult is unexpectedly young. I was also shocked when I had received news that the sacred cult master was actually the imperial academician of our Imperial College. You didn't seem surprised when you saw me."

Qin Mu said, "Heavenly Saint Cult provides education for everyone, irrespective of background, therefore it's natural that Imperial Preceptor could place a few men among the higher-ups of Heavenly Saint Cult. I'm not surprised Imperial Preceptor could discover my identity so quickly."

Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor nodded his head, "The sacred cult master of Heavenly Saint Cult should have this kind of wisdom. However, how did you not panic when you saw me? Aren't you afraid I'm here to kill you?"

"If Imperial Preceptor wants to kill me, there's no use even if I panic."

Qin Mu said, "If you don't kill me, Heavenly Saint Cult won't rebel. If you kill me, Heavenly Saint Cult will rebel. My life is not as valuable as Heavenly Saint Cult so Imperial Preceptor doesn't have the need to kill me. Therefore there's no need for me to panic."

Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor smiled, "Don't be so sure. It's good to be smart but you might guess wrong if you're overconfident. However, you had indeed moved my heart. You said Heavenly Saint Cult won't rebel. Can you tell me the reason?"

Qin Mu said, "We have the same philosophy so there's no need to rebel."

Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor said, "I've heard the first thing you had done after you became the cult master is to establish the three hundred and sixty-first hall, to set up School Hall?"

Qin Mu nodded his head, "I'm imitating Imperial Preceptor to reform Heavenly Saint Cult."

"Heavenly Saint Cult was originally an empire draped with the name of a sect. If you imitate me and reform Heavenly Saint Cult, won't it become the empire within the empire in my Eternal Peace?"

Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor asked, "If it was during times of peace, you guys would definitely not rebel but if the world is in chaos, why don't you guys take this chance to rise up and overtake as the orthodox?"

"The reason why Heavenly Saint Cult didn't rebel in this period of unrest is not that we don't want to overtake as the orthodox and is because the current Eternal Peace Empire is a large-scaled Heavenly Saint Cult."

Qin Mu smiled, "Why do we have to rebel ourselves?"

"In that case, when will you guys rebel?" Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor became interested and asked.

Qin Mu solemnly said, "When the time comes for Imperial Preceptor to betray the philosophy of Heavenly Saint Cult and no longer to carry out the path of the saint, that's the time Eternal Peace Empire would no longer be Heavenly Saint Cult and my Heavenly Saint Cult will definitely rebel."

Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor gave him a glance while exclaiming, "What great guts you have."

Qin Mu said, "This isn't great guts, I have to tell the truth because Imperial Preceptor will know if I lie."

Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor slowly walked to the well in the courtyard and said at a speed that was neither too fast nor too slow, "You came from Great Ruins and have no foundation in Heavenly Saint Cult. I originally planned to control you and let you borrow my power to establish yourself in Heavenly Saint Cult. However, I no longer have this idea."

Qin Mu walked to his side and heard Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor continuing, "People like you are dangerous. Those who have their own ideas are usually very dangerous and give people a headache since it's very difficult to convince them. Convincing a person is the most strenuous thing and it would be better off by simply killing them. To convince a cult, that's even more strenuous and it would be better off to eradicate them. No matter if it's Dao Sect or Great Thunderclap Monastery, they have their own philosophies and it's very hard to convince them. It's the same for Heavenly Saint Cult."

He kept silent for a moment and said, "Luckily the philosophy of Heavenly Saint Cult and the philosophy of Eternal Peace Empire don't conflict."

Qin Mu was curious, "Imperial Preceptor won't touch Heavenly Saint Cult for now, what about Dao Sect and Great Thunderclap Monastery?"

"That would depend on what they do."

Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor said seriously, "Let's see if they could achieve 'knowledge is action and action is knowledge'. If they could carry out their ideas and achieve 'knowledge is action and action is knowledge', I will do everything in my power to get rid of them. If they can't do it, it isn't hard for them to live on."

Qin Mu's heart trembled slightly and asked, "What's Imperial Preceptor's philosophy then?"

Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor shook his head, "I have no need to tell you. Don't look at what I say, look at what I do. My philosophy is in my actions, this is 'knowledge is action and action is knowledge'. Young sacred cult master, you still have a long road to go."

Qin Mu still couldn't see through this person.

Qin Mu, at the current stage, still could not debate over the philosophy with people like Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor. Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor's eyesight was too high and his knowledge was too vast and too shrewd. His understanding of the paths, skills and divine arts had reached such a level that people could only look up to him. Qin Mu was not yet at this level.

He couldn't think through Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor's thought and didn't know if he would be a friend or foe.

However, as for now, Qin Mu had to plan for Heavenly Devil Cult's future as the sacred cult master.

"As for the internal strife in Eternal Peace Empire, our Heavenly Saint Cult would fully support Imperial Preceptor."

Qin Mu carefully thought of a way to express his words, "However, I need a promise from Imperial Preceptor. After quelling the rebellion, would Imperial Preceptor eradicate our cult and burn the bridges?"

Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor turned to look at him and replied, "I won't."

Qin Mu gave an expression of inquiry.

Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor said leisurely, "I need encouragement. Leaving Heavenly Devil Cult means I'm leaving a sword hanging over my head, spurring me and warning me that I can't make any mistake."

He gave a smile, "If I'm too strong, even I made a mistake, what people could do to me? I need a power which can kill me when I lose my Dao heart. Heavenly Saint Cult is very good. If I go against your philosophy, I'll be waiting for you to kill me."

Qin Mu was slightly frightened.

Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor took a step and left.

Qin Mu let out a murky breath and felt his hairs almost exploding out.

There was only one thought in his mind, "Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor isn't a human!"

Non-human.

As long as it's a human, it would have seven emotional states and six desires, it would have thoughts of selfishness. Yet Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor didn't have seven emotional states, six desires and totally no thoughts of selfishness. Without these things, he was a human no more.

Or perhaps, he could be called a saint.

Could Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor be a saint?

He composed himself and drove away the thoughts that plagued him. At this moment, the dragon qilin spoke with a low and muffled voice, "This person is very terrifying. He stood here and I could see him, however I couldn't feel him."

Qin Mu was slightly stunned. He did not use Green Heaven's Eyes to take a look at Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor and lost a chance.

He had once used Heaven's Eyes to look at Village Chief and he saw a magnificent and imposing god that had an intact body. If he looked at Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor, what would he see?

Outside Scholar's Residence, Qin Feiyue was bowing and waiting outside as Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor walked over and said, "Let's return."

Qin Feiyue didn't dare to say much and while they were walking, Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor suddenly said, "Grand Chancellor has good judgment."

Qin Feiyue smiled, "Gu Linuan might be not bad but after being sealed in ice for two hundred years and not moving forward, I'm afraid he might be behind times."

"I meant the other grand chancellor."

Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor turned his head back and said, "The successor he has chosen is very good and showing great promise. However, he's very like me and it made me slightly uncomfortable seeing this person as I kept thinking of killing him."

Qin Feiyue didn't understand what he was saying.

Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor walked further and further away while muttering, "I hate looking in the mirror. The me in the mirror is never as perfect as the me in my ideals."

In Scholar's Residence, Qin Mu could finally be at ease. His Unity Technique was yet perfected and he had to calm his heart down to comprehend it attentively, perfecting it as much as he could.

Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor gave him a very big impact. A person who fights for his ideals always gives a charm that makes people admire from the bottom of their heart.

As for Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor saying that leaving Heavenly Devil Cult meant leaving a sword hanging above his head, to achieve this step, it was very difficult. Even with the combined power of the entire Heavenly Devil Cult, they couldn't achieve this step.

"Since Imperial Preceptor is so heroic, we have to fulfill his wish."

Qin Mu executed his technique and slowly walked in the courtyard. He comprehended the Unity Technique he had created from the foundation of Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique in detail and sorted them out. He also took out Great Educational Heavenly Devil Scriptures from time to time to make some referencing.

After quite some time, Qin Mu let out a murky breath and his speed suddenly increased. He sprinted frantically throughout the whole mountain and executed the Unity Technique which he had comprehended out. His body flitted back and forth the mountain like flickering light and passing shadows.

Chapter 178: Nine Transformations Three Conditions

Even though Qin Mu was sprinting at a flying speed, his brain was still continuing to think, becoming unprecedentedly active. Even though they didn't talk much, this meeting with Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor had made his brain sink into a stimulated state.

Meeting an unmatched talent would excite oneself, give pressure to oneself and raise oneself up.

Even though it was only a normal conversation to Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor, it had an extraordinary significance to Qin Mu. Just by standing in front of this legendary figure, he would require a huge amount of courage and while talking to him, he would need to set all his wisdom into motion.

By conversing with intelligent people, it would fill oneself with wisdom and if one kept company with ordinary people, they would become ordinary as well.

Qin Mu made use of this opportunity where he was conversing with Imperial Preceptor to let his wisdom be at his tip-top state, taking this chance to perfect Unity Technique.

Suddenly, his footsteps slowed down and his vital qi circulated through the new and improved Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique. The current Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique was the Unity Technique he had perfected, which had the good points of numerous techniques from Great Educational Heavenly Devil Scriptures integrated into it.

The original Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique had no attributes and was solely used to execute other techniques and skills. Its power couldn't be compared to the techniques which came with their own divine arts.

For example, Thunderclap Eight Strikes requires Rulai's Mahayana Sutra to be able to unleash its full power. Secrets of Moving Rain requires Black Tortoise Water Control Technique to execute it. Secrets of Rolling Thunder and Flames requires Vermillion Bird Fire Control Technique to master it, only then could the power of the thunder and flames be completely unleashed.

Meanwhile, Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique was a technique and didn't come with spells or divine arts.

Comprehending Unity Technique this time, Qin Mu had used Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique as the foundation to comprehend the teaching of the woodcutter on the rock. He aroused all kinds of characteristics from Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique to allow it to unleash the power of all kinds of skills!

Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique had no attributes so it couldn't be used for body refinement. It also had no divine arts coming with it, therefore, it couldn't turn into powerful attacks.

However, comprehending Unity Technique this time, Qin Mu had finally solved this difficult problem.

And now, Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique had become even more all-embracing. By using the Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique improved by him, the spells, sword skills, battle techniques executed were no weaker than using the coherent technique to execute them!

This was the so-called Unity Technique of Great Educational Heavenly Devil Scriptures.

Every cult master of Heavenly Devil Cult had their own unique Unity Technique and the young patriarch's original intention was to let Qin Mu cultivate both Unity Technique and Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique at the same time after comprehending it. Even though it might be slower, he could attain the advantages of both techniques simultaneously.

But he never thought Qin Mu would directly make improvements on Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique instead of comprehending the technique that was built from the foundation of Great Educational Heavenly Devil Scriptures.

Qin Mu didn't know if this was good or bad, or if it was the correct decision. Ever since he was young, he had cultivated Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique and was most familiar with this technique, thus he had subconsciously changed Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique into Unity Technique.

The most crucial point was that he had resolved the inadequateness of Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique on body refinement, spells, and battle techniques.

He executed the improved Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique and now, Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique had fused Nine Transformations Three Conditions Mystery Technique, the body refinement technique of Great Educational Heavenly Devil Scriptures. This technique was a top-notch body refinement technique in Great Educational Heavenly Devil Scriptures.

Qin Mu had all long been envious of the body refinement techniques of the battle techniques school. However, Old Ma, Butcher, and Cripple had not taught him techniques of this area, therefore, he could only find it from Great Educational Heavenly Devil Scriptures.

As he executed the technique, Qin Mu instantly felt the extraordinary points of the improved Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique. His vital qi was circulating rapidly and permeating into his skin, muscles, tendons, hairs, and bone marrow.

In the past, his Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique had a simpler path of circulation in his body and now his Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique has reached into all parts of his body.

Other than refining his body, the new Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique also refines his soul, his qi, being extremely superior.

Qin Mu started to walk slower and slower as he gradually stopped. He experienced the inadequate points in his technique with detail and amended them.

The basic structure of his Unity Technique had already been determined and all that's lacking was the minor details.

He was very lacking in body refinement and soul refinement. Now he only felt like his body was a dried land that had not seen rain for half a year which was currently absorbing all the moisture and nutrients from the rainwater frantically.

Great Educational Heavenly Devil Scriptures' Nine Transformations Three Conditions was the nine transformations of vital qi and corporeal body and the three conditions of bones in the body. The first condition was bones inseparably close, the second condition was body like iron and the third condition was like mountain.

Now he was only at the stage of the first transformation and first condition.

Unknowingly, half a day had passed by and Qin Mu slowly came to Floor of Heavenly Records. In front of Floor of Heavenly Records, a secretary passed by coincidentally and gave him a glance, his face immediately changed and he cried out, "Academician Qin, you'd better recuperate yourself otherwise you won't live for much longer!"

Qin Mu was bewildered and didn't understand what he meant. Suddenly a wind blew and he instantly felt giddy and collapsed.

“Crap!”

Qin Mu was astonished and immediately raised his hands. Looking at his emaciated arms, he touched his face and could only feel his thin skin that was clinging onto his cheekbones.

The clothes that were originally very fitting had now become slightly loose.

Only now then did he notice he had become terrifying skinny in four hours, like a person made from firewood. Not only that, his corporeal body was also exhausted!

Furthermore, as he executed Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique, the speed of this kind of exhaustion increased exponentially!

When the energy in his corporeal body got exhausted completely, his death would be due.

He only focused on perfecting Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique and cultivating the skills of body refinement and soul refinement. However, he didn't pay attention to his body and only knew now that he was burnout.

“The new Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique has quite a serious hidden danger. The cultivation speed is too fast and I've forgotten that body refinement uses the energy in my own body. When the energy in my body is exhausted, it would create an extremely heavy burden on my body!”

He was already at Five Elements Realm and had a dense cultivation; however, cultivating the new Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique to refine his body and soul, the energy in his body couldn't even last four hours!

Qin Mu immediately stopped executing Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique and let his mind clear up. His mind was working frantically and he troubled himself over how to make a medicine for his body as he sprinted towards Scholar's Residence.

Qin Mu rushed into his own room to grab money before sprinting towards Imperial College, leaving behind the little fox and the dragon qilin bewildered.

He bought the herbs from the warehouse and didn't have time to return to his residence thus he started refining the medicine on the way back. He executed his dazzling hand techniques and dazzled people's eyes as he refined the medicine. Before he even reached Scholar's Residence, he had succeeded in refining a furnace of pills.

When these spirit pills were just done, there was actually a faint Buddha voice as if there was a Buddha in each pill chanting their prayers.

The moment these spirit pills were done, Qin Mu opened his mouth to suck the pills in a series.

He catalyzed the medicinal energy as he rushed towards his courtyard and the moment he reached the door, he suddenly felt dizzy and collapsed into the courtyard.

Hu Ling'er cried out and immediately scrambled over. Qin Mu only felt at ease when he saw Hu Ling'er at his side before he fainted, "Help me catalyze the medicinal energy..."

Before he even finished his words, he fainted.

When Qin Mu woke up groggily, he felt that the medicinal energy of the spirit pills in his stomach had already been catalyzed and was circulating a warm flow towards four limbs and hundred bones like a scalding great furnace. Only then did he let out a sigh of relief and felt the lingering fear.

The united Overlord Body Three Elixir was good but also extremely dangerous. If he didn't take the chance when he was still conscious to refine spirit pills as a remedy, the consequences would be inconceivable and he would probably have died!

"If I can't supplement the energy exhausted by my body when I refine my body and soul with Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique, I would probably die."

Qin Mu opened his eyes and laid there silently. He calculated to himself, "If I want to fix this technique, it would be very difficult. It involves me to mobilize my entire body and if I fix it, it would probably take an extremely long amount of time. In that case, I'd better not cultivate it..."

Hu Ling'er stood at the side and looked at him anxiously. The dragon qilin squatted outside the window and wanted to push his head into the window to see if his meal master was still alive, however, his head was too big and the window could only allow one of his eyes in. He couldn't squeeze into the house at all.

Qin Mu sat up and found out that he was lying on the bed. It should be the little fox who had used her demon wind to send him to the bed. He smiled, "There's no need to worry, I'm already fine. When I completely catalyze these medicinal energies, my body will recover."

Hu Ling'er let out a sigh of relief and said, "Young master has scared me to death. In just a short time, you have become so starve and skinny. When you collapsed earlier, I was worried you couldn't get up anymore..."

Qin Mu catalyzed the medicinal energy at ease and the medicinal energy spread out and was absorbed by his body. He won't die for now but his body was still in a state of deficiency.

This was the inner deficiency caused by refining his body and soul. His body and soul may be stronger but there were no nutrients to replenish him. It was like a ship flying in the sky, if only a small furnace was provided as motive power for the ship, the ship would definitely fall from the sky and shatter into pieces.

That was what had just happened to him.

Refining his soul had exhausted his spirit and refining his body had exhausted the energy in his body. The spirit pills he had refined was to replenish his spirit and not allow his spirit to be completely exhausted. However, his body was still in a severe starving state.

Now that his spirit had completely recovered, his body was still terrifyingly skinny with his skin clinging onto his bone.

Qin Mu stood up and asked, “Ling’er, is there anything to eat? I’m very hungry now.”

“Does young master want to eat the green bull?”

The huge eyeball of the dragon qilin outside the window rotated as he said in glee, “There’s a wild bull in the back mountain, how about I catch and roast it for young master to eat?”

Once this dragon qilin was no longer hungry, he was full of evil tricks and always wanted to take revenge on the green bull.

Hu Ling’er smiled, “Please wait a moment, young master! Big Dragon, let us get some food for young master!” After she had said it, she ran out of the house like a wisp of smoke and brought the dragon qilin out of Scholar’s Residence.”

“Sister Ling’er, where are we going to find food?” the dragon qilin asked in bewilderment.

“Do you know how to swim?”

Hu Ling’er asked, “There are a few huge fish in Jade Dragon Lake which are several yards long. I’ve been eyeing them for quite a long time.”

The dragon qilin replied in glee, “I’ve also eyed them for quite a long time but it wasn’t good for me to make a move when old master didn’t give the command. Don’t worry, I’m also very good at swimming. I can stay underwater for several days and not come up to breathe.”

Hu Ling’er was greatly delighted and came to Jade Dragon Lake with him. There was a Daoist opposite the lake and revealed a questioning expression when he saw them but before he could make an inquiry, he saw the dragon qilin diving into the lake.

The expression of the Daoist changed hugely and he immediately shouted, “That lion, you can’t bathe in the lake! That fox, stop the lion!”

Hu Ling’er immediately said, “Big Dragon, faster, faster!”

Chapter 179: Spirit Returning Pill Great Supplement Technique

The dragon qilin dived into the lake and stirred up waves. On the lake, the Daoist immediately hurried over with a horsetail whisk in his hand. Shaking it towards the lake, the numerous threads scattered down like a giant fishing net, trying to catch that dragon qilin in the lake.”

Rumble.

The surface of the lake trembled violently and the Daoist gave a grunt. Only the handle of his horsetail whisk was left and he knew he wasn’t a match for this dragon qilin thus he immediately turned and ran

while shouting, "Demon, you guys dare to bathe in the Jade Dragon Lake of the royal family and even dared to beat me, just you wait to be executed!"

Not long later, the scholars of Imperial College walked out from Hall of Pure Yang and towards Scholar's Residence. Today, it was Daoist Ling Yun teaching and what Hall of Pure Yang taught was the path of cultivating qi. Daoist Ling Yun was widely known for his profound cultivation, cultivating his qi into the level of pure yang.

Before the numerous scholars could even return to Scholar's Residence, they all stopped and looked back in astonishment, freezing on the spot.

They only saw a ridiculously huge red fish flying through the air. There were red scales on the body of the red fish and on its head were dragons horns. This was because after absorbing the qi of the nine dragons here for many years, the fish head had started to turn into a dragon. It was like a half fish half dragon that had a mouth filled with razor-sharp teeth, looking extremely fierce.

However, now this huge fish was being restrained by a few vital qi and couldn't move at all. A demon wind was carrying this huge fish towards Scholar's Residence, causing all the scholars to be dumbfounded.

Behind this huge fish was an even larger dragon qilin that was running and shaking off the water on his body at the same time. There was also a white colored fox that was standing on the head on the dragon qilin, raising demon wind to carry the huge fish.

That dragon qilin rushed into Scholar's Residence and threw the huge fish into the courtyard of Academician Qin with a thump. The little fox then scampered into the courtyard and shut the doors.

A scholar muttered, "That fish, seems to be one of the fish kings in Jade Dragon Lake. It's called Red Dragon Carp and it's an imperial cuisine that the emperor treats the civil and military officials during the new year feast..."

A scholar beside was also in a daze as he muttered, "Last year, my old father was indebted to the emperor's benevolence and had a taste of the fish soup on the imperial dragon feast. He came back exclaiming endlessly and even kept telling me it was a worldly delicacy until now... However, that Red Dragon Carp was only a foot long. This one..."

Before the other scholars came around to their senses, they saw the door to Qin Mu's room opening up again. This white fox scampered out again and looked around before running to a mulberry tree. She then spat out a demon wind and chopped down the mulberry tree. She then controlled the demon wind to turn into curved blades to chop the mulberry tree into firewood before bringing them back into the courtyard.

The little fox took a few trips and even carried the trunk of the tree back into the courtyard. Billowing smoke then came surging out from Qin Mu's courtyard. It was obvious that the little fox and the dragon qilin was currently raising a fire to roast the fish.

The scholars looked at one another and Qu Ting muttered, "That's the Ambition Tree planted by Monk Qing Shan, the directorate of Hall of Azure Yang. It's a tree planted to motivate scholars to seek knowledge..."

Not long after, the delicious fragrance spread throughout Scholar's Residence.

Saliva started flowing out from all of the scholars' mouth. The fox and dragon qilin this abandoned person had brought over, killed the fish king in the drinking grounds of the royal family before chopping down the Ambition Tree that Monk Qing Shan planted to use it to raise fire for roasting the fish?

This act of recklessness, are they trying to rebel?

"Young master, how's the taste?"

The youth and the fox's conversation came over from Qin Mu's courtyard and they heard Qin Mu saying, "Still okay, it's just that it wasn't marinated thus the flavor wasn't soaked through. It's best to marinate a fish for a whole day so it would be crisp, fragrant and tender when you eat it. This fish is pretty huge, where did you get it from?"

"From the lake."

"So I see. I once fished with Grand Chancellor beside the lake and saw a few huge red fish; however, we only caught a Nine Dragon Carp which was quite small. However, the flavor of the soup was very delicious. It's pretty good of you to use mulberry wood to roast the fish, it gives off sweet and sour fruity taste of the mulberry."

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All the scholars in Scholar's Residence had an expression of rejoice in his upcoming misfortune. Qu Ting snickered, "Academician Qin is dead meat!"

In the courtyard, Qin Mu prodded the thick wooden skewer to rotate the Red Dragon Carp and below was a vigorous flame which was the mulberry flames controlled by the dragon qilin, roasting the huge fish tender on the inside and crisp on the outside.

The dragon qilin controlled the fire to let the heat seep into the meat and bones of the huge fish. The mulberry wood gave off water vapor thus there was a smoky flavor. Hu Ling'er then controlled the wind to let some of the smoky flavors enter the meat of the fish.

They then stuffed numerous mulberry leaves, onions, and ginger into the stomach of the fish. In the stomach of the fish was tender fish oil which sizzled when it dripped onto the fire as they roasted the fish. The fish oil gave off a smoky smell when burned, raising their appetite hugely.

When the entire fish was cooked, Hu Ling'er immediately controlled her wind blades to slice off the meat from the fish belly. The meat here was the plumpest.

Her knife work was very good as each slice of fish was precise. At the same time, she also controlled the plate to let the slices of fish fall onto the plate. Each slice of fish was crystal clear and the slices looked like pieces of tender jade white fat from mutton.

Qin Mu suppressed the fire and lowered the intensity of the fire. The human, the fox, and the dragon qilin sat beside the bonfire and ate the roasted fish.

Qin Mu's heart slightly moved when he remembered a weird technique in Great Educational Heavenly Devil Scriptures which was called Spirit Returning Pill Great Supplement Technique. He immediately executed his vital qi to circulate this technique to speed up his digestion. Soon his stomach became empty thus his mouth continued with eating the roasted fish around the bonfire.

The name of this technique was weird and the technique itself was even weirder.

The main method of cultivation for Spirit Returning Pill Great Supplement Technique relied mainly on eating.

This technique could transform any food that reached the stomach into energy or even vital qi for the body. This helped to strength one's body and raise their cultivation, thus it was called Spirit Returning Pill Great Supplement Technique.

Now that Qin Mu's body was so skinny, he needed to replenish the energy he had exhausted in his body. Now that there was a ridiculously huge roasted fish in front of him, he could use this technique to supplement his body.

This fish was a unique breed after all. Living in Imperial College for so many years, it had absorbed the qi of the nine dragons, thus it was firstly delicious and secondly, its meat was nutritious. Now Qin Mu's body was exhausted, by executing this weird technique, the food in his stomach was immediately digested into nutrients which were absorbed by his whole body.

His shriveled muscles also gradually bulged and even though it was very slow, Qin Mu reckoned his muscles would grow back if he finished eating this ten yards long fish.

Hu Ling'er couldn't stuff herself any longer and the dragon qilin used to eat Scarlet Fire Spirit Pills thus he didn't like the fish meat very much and stopped after a few mouthfuls. Only Qin Mu continued to sit there eating to his heart's content.

Suddenly a knock came from outside and Hu Ling'er dragged her bulging tummy and ran to open the door. Wei Yong walked in with his nose twitching and smiled, "It's just the time for lunch and I smell a fragrance coming from Brother Qin's place, thus I've come to ask for food... Eh, the stone dragon lion at the mountain gate has come to life? Little fox, how did you get even fatter than me from eating?"

Hu Ling'er gave a snort.

Wei Yong then looked at Qin Mu who was sitting beside the bonfire and cried out in astonishment, "Little fox, did you borrow Qin Mu's male force to strengthen your feminine health by sleeping with him? Brother Qin? How did he become so skinny?"

Hu Ling'er was furious and anxious, "I haven't got a chance to do it. Don't speak nonsense!"

"If you didn't do it, who did?"

Wei Yong was bewildered, "I knew that there would definitely be a problem when Brother Qin asked where the cathouse was the moment he entered the capital city. Your body has become unable to tolerate as expected, am I right?"

Qin Mu didn't know whether to laugh or cry and invited him to sit down.

Wei Yong didn't hold back and tore off a huge chunk of fish meat. He tasted it and the meat was so slippery that it slid straight down his throat, nearly causing his tongue to slip into his stomach as well. He couldn't help being surprised and delighted as he exclaimed in admiration. He then spoke with a low and muffled voice, "The directorates are all not very pleased when you haven't attended their lessons for the past few months. They said stuff like imperial academician being ignorant and incompetent, that the emperor shouldn't have raised your ranks. That's right, what happened to you? How did you become so skinny?"

"I had made a mistake in my cultivation and almost lost my life."

Qin Mu said, "Lucky I discovered just in time and now I'm replenishing my energy back."

Wei Yong smiled, "You have pretty big guts as well, to actually cultivate recklessly. I'm also an imperial scholar now and have some position in Duke's Manor, what pills do you need? I can grab some from Duke's Manor to let you supplement your body."

Qin Mu shook his head and said, "When I finish eating this fish, my body would be able to recover and there would be no need for me to consume spirit pills."

"Do you know? Chancellor Ba Shan and Grand Chancellor Gu had fought each other and got each other all bloodied outside the capital city. Even the emperor was alarmed."

Wei Yong had a burp and said, "My father went to mediate in the quarrel along with other first-ranking high officials and only then did they stop fighting. I went out to make some inquiries and heard that the emperor had called them both over to give them a harsh scolding. Only when I finished asking around, I came back to freeload a meal here. Before you came back, Chancellor Ba Shan had found me and said he wanted to bring me out for an experience, I reckon..."

"Brother Wei, don't talk while eating."

Not long after, Wei Yong this chubby youth had grown even bigger and he couldn't eat anymore. However, he still saw Qin Mu continuing to eat heartily and with each piece of fish going into his stomach, his stomach actually didn't bulge at all.

Wei Yong was amazed. When he saw Qin Mu's skinny body expanding out as if he was filled with air, he gave a pinch and found there were all muscles in his body, making him even more astonished.

When this huge fish had been completely finished, only a huge fish bone that spanned up to ten yards long was left. Qin Mu's body had recovered to normal and seemed to be even stronger than before, making Wei Yong incessantly envious.

"Where did you buy such a delicious fish from?"

Wei Yong's mouth was still itching for more but he just couldn't eat anymore thus he asked, "I have never seen such a huge fish in the market of the capital city nor have I ever eaten such a delicious fish, I definitely have to buy a few more and give special attention to them!"

Qin Mu said indifferently, "Fished out from Jade Dragon Lake."

Wei Yong stared with his eyes wide open and asked immediately, "Which Jade Dragon Lake?"

"The one in our Imperial College."

Wei Yong gulped and asked with a trembling voice, "Our Imperial College's Jade Dragon Lake? This fish is one of the fish kings in Jade Dragon Lake?"

Qin Mu looked at Hu Ling'er and Hu Ling'er nodded her head, "I asked Big Dragon to catch a huge one, this one that he caught was the biggest."

Wei Yong's expression turned ashen and he saw the mulberry leaves and branches that were scattered throughout the entire courtyard. He then asked again with a trembling voice, "When I came back just now, I had seen the Ambition Tree in Scholar's Residence left with a stump, could it be..."

"That mulberry tree is called Ambition Tree?"

Hu Ling'er said in astonishment, "The tree even has a name?"

Wei Yong's face turned ghastly white and he walked shakily and muttered in a daze, "Chopping down Ambition Tree to use it to roast the fish king of Jade Dragon Palace. Even if I've multiple heads, it still wouldn't be enough for the emperor to chop off. I've never been here, never been here..."

Chapter 180: Wearing Tight Shoes

"A fox demon and a dragon head lion is creating havoc in Jade Dragon Lake? Not only did they bathe in the lake, they even beat you up?"

Gu Linuan had just returned from the palace and the Daoist who was guarding Jade Dragon Lake came forward to complain. Gu Linuan's heart couldn't help trembling violently as he cried out, "The fish king among the Red Dragon Carps was capture away by that dragon lion? Whose fox demon and dragon lion have such huge guts? I have assumed this position for just a month and such a thing happened, who is trying to make me wear tight shoes?"

Before he could digest this news, another person came to report, "Grand Chancellor, the fox raised by Academician Qin of Imperial College had chopped down Ambition Tree and used it to roast the fish. That

fish seems to be the fish king of Jade Dragon Lake which got roasted and eaten! Imperial Academician Qin and Imperial Scholar Wei Yong are packing up the fish bones now, trying to get rid of the evidence.”

Gu Linuan couldn't help being surprised and delighted, “This brat, I was worrying that I had no method to create difficulties for him. Now it can be said that he had delivered himself to my door. This matter is enough for him to be beheaded a hundred times. Now Ba Shan that idiot should be speechless?”

He went into high spirits and immediately stood up while saying, “Let's go, follow me to arrest them! We need both material evidence and witness testimony, just send them under escort to Temple of Justice to be interrogated by the official there, executing his whole family! We'll then send a memorial to the emperor, reporting to him about this matter!”

“What about the scholar called Wei Yong...”

“Arrest him as well and punish him together with Qin Mu!”

Gu Linuan smiled, “I was still saying who was making me wear tight shoes but now as I see it, this pair of shoes ain't tight but just right.”

Gu Linuan and the rest barged into Scholar's Residence but they didn't find Qin Mu in his courtyard. There were only a fox and a dragon qilin who was snoring. Gu Linuan woke up this dragon qilin and asked, “Where the brat with the surname Qin?”

Dragon qilin raised his head and took a glance at them before replying slowly, “He was still here just now, people from the palace came to invite him over.”

“Could it be that the emperor had already known about this matter, therefore, he had summoned him into the palace to behead him?”

Gu Linuan chuckled, “This brat still has my Junior Protector Sword, beheading him is also letting him off lightly. What are you guys spacing out for? Arrest the fox and the dragon qilin! I'll be entering the emperor's palace and personally see how this brat dies for myself.” After he had finished saying that, he hurried away.

The few chancellors that came with him and the Daoist guarding Jade Dragon Lake immediately made use of a chain to chain up this dragon qilin. Hu Ling'er wanted to run away but she was also captured.

Gu Linuan rushed to the palace energetically and requested to meet the emperor. After a moment, a guard reported, “His Majesty is at Imperial Garden, may Lord Gu head over there.”

Gu Linuan was astonished, “Beheading the Qin brat in Imperial Garden? His Majesty seems to be really angry.”

When he came to Imperial Garden, he heard laughter coming over and Gu Linuan was bewildered. He walked over and saw Emperor Yanfeng help Empress Dowager by the arm while a few officials followed behind them. Qin Mu was behind Empress Dowager on the left, saying something which made Empress Dowager laugh.

Emperor Yanfeng saw him and waved his hand to summon him over. He then asked warmly, "Official, what are you here for?"

Gu Linuan hesitated for a moment and said, "Academician Qin let a dragon qilin jump in Jade Dragon Lake to catch the fish king before eating it. Jade Dragon Lake is the drinking ground of the royal family and Red Dragon Carp is an imperial cuisine of the royal family. For Academician Qin to be so impudent, this is a death crime. I don't dare to hide it, therefore, I'm here to report this to the emperor."

"Something like that actually happened?"

Emperor Yanfeng looked at Qin Mu and asked, "What does Official Qin have to say?"

"I'm a person outside the sphere of civilization and didn't know about the rules of the capital city, therefore I've been rude and impetuous."

Qin Mu said, "I didn't know that Jade Dragon Lake was the property of the royal family and didn't know that I couldn't eat the fish in the lake. I'm deeply guilty and may Your Highness deal with me."

"This is a death crime."

Emperor Yanfeng looked at him and said, "Even though I recognize your worth, the law is law. How do you want me to deal with you?"

Gu Linuan smiled, "Your Highness, according to the law, you will have to execute his whole family..."

Empress Dowager smiled, "Emperor, I also think the little divine physician should be beheaded."

Emperor Yanfeng was slightly stunned and smiled, "Why does mother say such a thing?"

Empress Dowager walked forward calmly and said leisurely, "Of course he should be beheaded. If you don't execute little divine physician, how would the world know that the emperor value a fish more than a human? If you don't execute Academician Qin, how would the world know the emperor value water more than a human? Only when you execute him, would the talents in the world know that the emperor would execute a reputable divine physician that has cured me just for a mouthful of water and a fish. Only then would they know the emperor is an incapable ruler."

Emperor Yanfeng laughed out loud and waved, "Lord Gu, you shouldn't bother me for such trifles. Retreat."

Gu Linuan was bewildered, "This..."

"Retreat, retreat."

Emperor Yanfeng waved his hand and said, "You didn't guard the Jade Dragon Lake properly but I won't punish you for your crime. After all, you are new in Imperial College. What you have done today has already made my head ache. You actually fought with Chancellor Ba Shan and brought shame on me. If you had won, it's still fine, but you didn't. A grand chancellor can't beat a chancellor, I lost face all because of you. You better return to reflect on yourself."

“Acknowledged.”

Gu Linuan felt grieved and was about to leave when Qin Mu said, “Lord Gu, my fox and that dragon qilin, please don’t make things difficult for them.”

Gu Linuan’s heart leaped and heard Empress Dowager laughing, “I presume he won’t even dare to. That’s right emperor, you haven’t rewarded little divine physician for curing me.”

“Mother, he’s already an imperial academician, a sixth ranking official. I can’t raise him anymore. He is still young after all. We’ll talk about it after a few years, in case the officials of the imperial court say I favor him.”

“Little divine physician, tell me more about the interesting stuff when you were little...”

Gu Linuan walked further away and went out of the palace to return to Imperial College. He had a belly full of anger yet nowhere to vent. The Daoist that was guarding Jade Dragon Lake immediately went forward and asked, “Grand Chancellor, have the thief been executed?”

“It’s all your fault for meddling. All you have to do is to look after the lake yet you created such a ruckus, making me humiliated!”

Gu Linuan stared at him and shouted, “Release that fox and dragon qilin!”

The Daoist guarding the lake felt extremely wrong. He didn’t know what he had done wrong and why Gu Linuan got so angry at him, and could only release Hu Ling’er and the dragon qilin, “Grand Chancellor, we had already sent men to capture Wei Yong but Wei Yong was following Chancellor Ba Shan and he didn’t let us take him away. How do you think...”

“What’s Wei Yong’s background?”

“He’s from Duke Wei’s family...”

“Don’t look for trouble when there’s none!”

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In the Imperial Garden, Empress Dowager chatted with Qin Mu for a while more. Qin Mu then checked her pulse and wrote down a few prescriptions and said, “Empress Dowager, you’re recovering well, there’s no hidden danger left behind.”

“Good.”

Empress Dowager smiled, “Thanks for the trouble, little divine physician.”

Qin Mu stood up to make his leave. Emperor Yanfeng smiled, “Dear minister, hold your step, there’s something I want to talk to you about.”

Qin Mu stopped and Emperor Yanfeng walked to him while waving his hands to let the eunuch and palace maids fall back. He walked out of Imperial Garden while smiling. "My imperial academician, cult master of Heavenly Devil Cult, abandoned person of Great Ruins, disciple of Jade Face Poison King, Minister Qin sure has a lot of identities."

Qin Mu was slightly stunned and his footsteps subconsciously slowed down. If Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor could know he was the new cult master of Heavenly Devil Cult, Emperor Yanfeng naturally had his ways to know as well.

Emperor Yanfeng had already walked far away and he turned his head back to ask, "Dear minister, why are you not catching up?"

Qin Mu hurried to catch up and smiled, "Your Majesty has a flood of good fortune that fills the heavens."

Emperor Yanfeng laughed, "Heavenly Devil Cult as the number one sect of the devil path, the number one sacred ground, for their cult master to be the student of the Son of Heaven, I indeed have a flood of good fortune that fills the heavens. However, it can be a fortune or it can be a calamity. Dear Minister Qin, do you think it's a fortune or it's a calamity?"

Qin Mu smiled, "Your Majesty, if Dao Master of Dao Sect yields to Your Majesty, what position would Your Majesty confer on him?"

Emperor Yanfeng said solemnly, "Dao Master of Dao Sect, the head of the righteous path in this world, I will confer him as upper first-ranking, allowing him to be called king, inheriting the title generation after generation!"

Qin Mu then asked, "If Rulai of Great Thunderclap Monastery yields to Your Majesty, what position would Your Majesty confer on him?"

Emperor Yanfeng said, "Rulai is best in the Buddhist path and if he is willing to become an official of the imperial court, I will confer him as upper first ranking, allowing him to be called primogenitor!"

Qin Mu said, "The three sacred grounds of Eternal Peace, the emperor will confer the sect masters of Dao Sect and Great Thunderclap Monastery as upper first-ranking, calling king and becoming primogenitor. Heavenly Saint Cult is also a sacred ground and the cult master of Heavenly Saint Cult had taken the initiative to yield yet Your Majesty only confer an unrepresentable sixth-ranking and still ask if it is a fortune or calamity, aren't you making the faithful officials and loyalists bitterly disappointed?"

Emperor Yanfeng was slightly stunned and nodded his head, "What you said is reasonable. However, I can't promote you immediately, you're still too young after all. If I promote you directly, people would gossip and they would be able to guess your identity."

Qin Mu agreed.

Emperor Yanfeng remained silent for a moment, "I know there are some grudges between you and Gu Linuan and also know you took his Junior Protector Sword away. You're the cult master of Heavenly

Devil Cult, you need to be more magnanimous and don't always make him wear tight shoes. He is placed in Imperial College by me and if you make him too embarrassed, it won't look good on me as well."

Qin Mu felt a little wronged, "Your Majesty, how would I dare to make him wear tight shoes?"

Emperor Yanfeng seemed to be smiling yet not smiling, "Didn't you just make him wear tight shoes today, putting him on the spot? You can be at ease, no one would dare to say they surpass Imperial Preceptor in being extremely daring. If I dare to use him, I will also dare to use you. There's no need for any suspicions in your heart. Alright, you can fall back."

Qin Mu walked out of the palace and felt refreshed. He let out a murky breath and completely relaxed.

Since Eternal Peace Imperial Preceptor had known his identity, he would be slightly worried if Emperor Yanfeng didn't. Now that the emperor and Imperial Preceptor both knew his identity, he would instead be safe and wouldn't be worried that this two big shots would lay their hands on him.

Over ten days later, Qin Mu's west house was piled up with great abundance coins exchanged using the dragon's saliva. Before Chancellor Ba Shan brought Wei Yong and Prince Minyue out for experience, he went to his west house to carry away a few bags of coins. Qin Mu didn't mind at all since he was rich.

During these few days, he would refine Scarlet Fire Spirit Pills as well as another spirit pill that could replenish spirit whenever he was free. When he refined this kind of spirit pill, he would use the hand technique of Buddhism, therefore, the refined spirit pills would give off Buddha voice, which was why Qin Mu called these spirit pills as Spirit Buddha Pills.

He went to the warehouse to buy herbs these few days and almost bought all the dozens of herbs he needed. There was going to be a large-scale training in Imperial College recently and scholars were chosen to go to the front lines. Directorates of each hall were to bring scholars to the front lines to quell the rebellion.

Qin Mu was also picked by Gu Linuan who said he must definitely go to the front lines because Qin Mu was a sixth-ranking Imperial Academician and had almost the same treatment as the directorates, therefore Gu Linuan also gave Qin Mu a few scholars to let him lead.

These scholars were all scholars of the Five Elements Realm from Scholar's Residence who didn't have much battle prowess. Their cultivations were way inferior to the divine arts practitioners in Divine Arts Residence.